Letter to the Editor

Carter is praised

Editor:

I am writing in response to the letter in the Times-Virginian last week concerning Sammy Carter and the Dixie Youth Association.

I have known and dealt with Mr. Carter for about five years now and I think our children are lucky and fortunate to have such a caring person in charge of activities for them. He gives his time openly for everyone and does what he thinks (after he asks the opinions of others) is in the best interest of our children and county.

I think we need more like him and his wife, Mrs. Carter, for our children and town. The incident week before last was planned and everyone informed of it. If things went wrong it was not Mr. Carter's fault. He did have someone at the field who was in charge (the vice president was in the concession stand) since he had to be at work.

Like I said, I have dealt with Sammy Carter for years now and I just wish everyone that had some control and charge over my children had the esteem of Mr. Sammy Carter and would give as freely of their time for our community as Mr. and Mrs. Carter do.

These people are one in a million and should be praised and thanked for what they do for everyone's children and our community.

Sincerely,
Brenda M. Thompson

Stratton thanks

To The Citizens of Appomattox County:

Nearly 100 people throughout the county have pulled together this year during the annual American Cancer Society educational and fundraising crusade held in April.

On behalf of the local chapter of the American Cancer Society, I would like to thank everyone for their effort and support. Due to the involvement of volunteers I am pleased to announce that we have raised more money and distributed more information this year than during any crusade.

Also I would like to thank the Times-Virginian for allocating valuable space for the crusade. The best medicine is prevention and prevention starts with information. We have worked hard in trying to inform the public about the different forms of cancer and the Times-Virginian has always been a great help.

Last but not least I want to thank the residents of Appomattox County for opening their doors and pocketbooks to contribute to our drive and receiving educational material. If you were missed during the crusade and wish to contribute or receive any educational information please contact any member of the local chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Sincerely,
G. Daniel Stratton
Crusade Chairman
American Cancer Society
Appomattox Unit

Ruritans appreciation

Editor:

The four Ruritan Clubs of Appomattox County would like to thank the people of the community who helped make our recent Horse Pull a huge success.

The Linda Booth benefit received a substantial amount of money both at the gate and through the sale of ads. Your participation was most gratifying.

A special thanks to the Appomattox County Rescue Squad for the trained personnel present during the pull.

Thanks to all of you.

Sincerely,
Norman B. Gagneur,
President
Oakville Ruritan Club

Contributions acknowledged

Editor:

The Appomattox County Red Cross Fund Drive Council would like to extend special thanks to the black churches of Appomattox County for their 1984 contributions.

These contributions will help the Red Cross help other prople.

Following is a list of the participating churches and contributions made:

Canaan - $30; Chestnut Grove - $15; Galilee - $30; Jordan - $25; Morning Star - $25; Mt. Obied - $25; Mt. Shiloh - $25; Mt. Zion (Concord) - $30; Promise Land - $50; Springfield - $25; Zion Baptist (Pamplin) - $25; Peaceful Grove $25; an anonymous friend - $10.

Sincerely,
Charlie E. Tanner
1984 Red Cross fund drive

Graduates enter business school

Theee 1984 graduates of County High School have been accepted into programs at National Business College for the fall term of 1984.

Judy Marie Christian, daughter of Mrs. Mildren Christian, has been accepted into the legal secretary program.

Kimble Regine Hudson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack C. Hudson, has been accepted into the fashion merchandising program.

Rosa Loouise Harvey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Onst Harvey, has been accepted into the management program.

All three students will attend National Business College at its Roanoke campus.

For voters

'Sites' will be established

Several voter registration sites will be established in Appomattox County during the months of July and September.

Hours will be selected to meet the needs of those citizens who find it difficult to register during the regular hours at the registrar's office.

All interested persons, groups or organizations are asked to call the Appomattox Assembly at 352-2284 before Saturday, June 330.

Group provides better nutrition for elderly

By FRANCES ABBITT

The Nutrition Task Force, a relatively new organization in Appomattox County, is made up of a group of concerned individuals representing a number of agencies, working toward providing better nutrition for those senior citizens who qualify.

Not quite one year old, the Nutrition Task Force was organized October 19, 1983, and is funded through the Commission on Aging.

Horace W. Coleman is chairman of the Nutrition Task Force; Francis Elliott is vice-chairman; Barry Elder is secretary.

Representatives from the Appotox County Department of Social Services, Appomattox Baptist Association, other concerned churches in the county, Commission on Aging, Appomattox Assembly, Appomattox Ministerial Association, NAACP, Appomattox County Board of Supervisors, the Appomattox County Extension Office and concerned citizens, make up the group. Approximately 12 or 15 members are present for the monthly meetings.

"Our number one priority is providing good nutrition," said Barry Elder. "Entertaining and informatiove programs along with good fellowship are secondary," he added.

The nutrition site or dining center for Appomattox County is located on Main Street across from Evans Barber Shop. One goal of the NTF is to establish four additional nutrition centers in the county. It is the goal of the organization to set up nutrition centers in the communities of Oakville, Vera, Stonewall and Pamplin.

"Interest has been shown in at least two of these sites," commented Elder. "If these four additional sites are established it would help with the problem of transportation of participants. At present a driver transports one load to the Main Street site and goes back for a second load," he added.

With the opening of additional sites, those individuals in each given areas would go to the site closest to their residence.

"In addition to the site deliveries some churches in these areas are supplying meals to shut-ins and others with special needs," Elder said.

"We need volunteers to man the prospective sites," commented Elder. "Any help, suggestions, offers for site locations, please get in touch with me at the Appomattox County Department of Social Services, phone 352-7125," added Elder.

"We really appreciate the effort of the Appomattox Lions Club for providing volunteers for the distribution of butter and cheese," said Coleman. We are also deeply grateful to the Commission on Aging for reimbursing Francis Elliott for the purchase price of the large freezer used for storage of frozen meals," he added.

Working together toward the same end, the various organizations, by combining their efforts are reaching their goal of providing nutritionally sound meals to those senior citizens who qualify. The Commission on Aging provides the frozen meals.

"If you know of someone you believe needs the service this organization provides, please call me at 352-7125," said Elder.

"We have no desire to remove from our roll of participants anyone who really needs help," said Coleman. "But, I only wish the regulations of the Federal government were such that the Department of Social Services in Appomattox County could be in a position to eliminate the dead beats and continue helping those who have a need," Coleman concluded.

William A. Thornton in Caribbean exercise

Army Pfc. William A. Thornton, son of Ella B. Thornton of Rural Route 1, Appomattox, Va., participated in Ocean Venture 84, a combined exercise held in the Caribbean, the Gulf of Mexico, Straits of Florida, Atlantic Ocean and the southwestern United States.

Members of the U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps joined in air, ground and sea maneuvers to emphasize command and control of forces in a simulated combat environment.

The exercise is designed to demonstrate and improve the capability of the United States to protect and maintain the free use of the sea lines of communication in the Caribbean Basin and the Gulf of Mexico.

Thornton is an armor crew member with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Ferguson completes basic training

Pvt. Herman C. Ferguson, Jr., son of Herman and Margaret Ferguson of Route 1, Appomattox, has completed basic training with a letter of commendation award from Fort Dix, N.J.

He is stationed at Fort Eustis, Va., enrolled in schooling for helicopter mechanics.

Wesley participates

Marine Sgt. Eric D. Wesley, son of Earnest W. Wesley of Route 1, Pamplin, Va., recently participated in exercise "Ocean Venture '84."

He is a member of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 365, Marine Aircraft Group 29, Second Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Helicopter Air Station New River, Jacksonville, N.C.

"Ocean Venture '84," took place in the Carribbean, the Gulf of Mexico, the straits, of Florida and the Atlantic Ocean, helped to demonstrate and improve the capability of the U.S. to protect and maintain the free use of the sea lines of communication in the Carribean basin and the Gulf of Mexico.

The exercise involved over 30,000 U.S. military people from the Navy, Marine Corps, Army, Air Force and Coast Guard.

Lodge celebrates

Long Mountain Lodge no 204 will hold its annual St. John's Day celebration at Zion Baptist Church in Pamplin on Sunday, June 24. The Rev. R.Q. Lawing, Jr., will be guest speaker. The regular lodge meeting will be held Saturday night at 8 p.m.

Receives degree

David R. Caldwell of Appomattox received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree during spring commencement exercises at James Madison University recently.

More than 1,900 degrees were awarded during the ceremony.

Shorter on dean's list

Susan Dexter Shorter of Appomattox was among 113 students named to the spring semester dean's list at Averett College.

The honor is earned by making at least a 3.40 grade point average while while enrolled in a minimum of twelve semester hours of courses.

Society meets

The Appomattox County Historical Society met last week in the fellowship hall of Liberty Baptist Church. members and guests enjoyed the enlightening of the history of the church as presented by Annie Hancock.

Pictures, letters and books dating back to 1884 were on display.

Historical Society members who are also members of the church were hosts and hostesses at the conclusion of the meeting they served delicious refreshments.

Many activities of interest have been planned and scheduled for the current year.

Anyone interested in the history of Appomattox County may become a member of the Appomattox County Historical Society by sending your check of $7.50 per year to Mrs. Sarah Wayne, Pamplin, Va. 23958

A continuous project of the society is the Appomattox County Historical Museum located in the Court House Square. The museum is now open Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. The flow of visitorss been gratifying. Many new items have been added It is suggested that that county residents be sure to visit the museum early in the season.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The Town of Appomattox property to increase Property Tax Levies:

1. Assessment increase: Total assessed value of Real Property, excluding additional assessments due to new Construction or improvements to property exceeds last year's total assessed value of Real Property by 28 per cent.

A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, July 9, 1984, at 7:00 P.M. in the Appomattox Town Office.

All Hearings are open to the Public and all persons desiring to be heard will be given an opportunity to present oral testimony with such reasonable time limits as shall be determined by the governing body.

W. R. Britton, Jr.
Town Manager

The South 40

Microwave ovens can be used other than for cooking

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

Microwave ovens can be used for other than food preparation, so if you have one, use it to determine moisture content of forages.

Hay needs to be dried to contain no more than 20 percent moisture Silage should be in the 55-70 percent moisture range. The microwave is a handy tool for getting this done. An accurate scale is very important. The procedure:

1. Weigh an empty dish.
2. Weigh 50-100 grams (0.1 - 0.2 lbs.) of forage chopped into 1-2 inch pieces.
3. Spread the chopped forage in a thin uniform layer on the dish.
4. Place the dish and sample in the oven and heat for 6 minutes.
5. Remove and weigh the forage. If it is not completely dry, place it back in the oven and heat for another 2 minutes. Remove and weigh. If in doubt, dry for another 2 minutes and reweigh. If charring has occurred, use the previous weight.
6. Calculte the percent dry matter by the following method:

Percent Dry Matter = Weight of forage after drying divided by Weight of forage before drying x 100.

Percent Moisture = 100 - Percent Dry Matter.

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Appomattox County planted 600 acres of oats in 1983 with a yield of 52 bushels per acre. There was 730 acres of barley that yielded 51 bushels.

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Those receiving a soil test report since May 15 have noticed a box titled "Buffer pH." Beginning this fall, this new test will be added to the soil testing service.

A buffer pH is a pH run in a solution that is resistant to change in pH; that is, it's buffered. The pH of this buffer solution is set to a predetermined level, such as 8.0, soil is added to the solution, and the acidity in the soil pulls down the buffer pH to some level below pH 8.0. The amount of limestone required is calculated directly from the change in pH that occurs when soil is added to the buffer solution. Soil that is not very acid may pull the buffer pH down to 7.8 to 7.9; soils containing a high level of acidity will reduce the buffer pH to close to 7.0.

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Rambling and climbing roses should be pruned immediately after blooming.

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As soon as last cutting of asparagus is made, remove all weeds and fertilize with 10-10-10, rate 3 pounds per 50 foot row.

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Concrete re-inforcing wire is a good choice for making tomato cages.

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Start spraying tomatoes for blight control when they begin blooming. Maneb, rate 2 tablespoons per gallon of water weekly, is a good choice, but change to Captain at least 5 days before harvest begins.

There are a number of other fungicides that may be used - read the lable: Dryene, Zineb, Bravo or Kocide.

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Blossom-end rot of tomatoes can be minimized if water is adequate, and pH is correct. There is some advantage to spraying 3 times at weekly intervals using four level teaspoons of calcium chloride per gallon of water.

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One of the traditional recommendations for preparing a planting hole for trees or shrubs has been to incorporate organic matter in the backfill soil before returning it to the hole and around the plant.

In test at the University of Georgia, they showed that the addition of organic matter into the backfill soil creates an interface between the amended soil and the undisturbed soil around the planting hole that is detrimental to root growth and water movement between the two soils. The Georgia researchers found a majority of roots confined to the original planting holes.

They concluded that the preferred way of planting would be: Prepare a large planting hole with adequate drainage; maintain proper fertilization, mulch to maintain proper watering.

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Dairy farmers and consumers of dairy products will find the TV show "Health Update: Real vs Imitation and Substitute Milk Products," to be aired 7:30 p.m., June 22, on channel 13, a very imformative program.

The program features Dr. Janette Taper, Extension Nutrition Specialist, Virginia Tech and Dr. George Briggs, University of California-Berkley.

Presentation

MRS. GRACE MINER, PRESIDENT of Appomattox County Homemakers, and Geraldine Marshall, (right), treasurer of the organization, show pillow and quilt made by members of the organization to Linda Booth (center. The quilt was given away in a fund-raising event held by the club members and proceeds were given to Linda, injured in farm accident last September. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Happiness is 4-H

By FRANK H. SWEET
Extension Agent

State 4-H Congress is being held this week on the Virginia Tech Campus in Blacksburg. More than 1,200 teenagers from across Virginia will be participating in the Congress activities. Included in the Congress schedule are competitive events, sports and recreation, state and district elections, special learning workshops, recognition banquets and social events. Participating in 4-H Congress from Appomattox are: Howard Anderson, Kathy Bryan, Darrell Conner, Nancy Cole, Jennifer Coleman, Anne Hancock, Lisa Harrison, Ernest Humbles, Jr., Ada Hunter, Brett Marston, Curtis Moore, JoAnna Layne, Bob Poole, Craig Ranson, Kenneth McClenny, Tiffany Royal, Karen Trent, Annette Turner, Jeff Williams, Lisa Williamson and Cheryl Wooten. David Hancock is attending Congress as a volunteer leader with the Appomattox group. The Congress delegation will return on Friday morning at about 11 a.m.

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The 4-H families involved with the Interstate Exchange program will be sponsoring a yard sale on Saturday morning, June 30, from 8 a.m. until noon across from the courthouse in Appomattox. Eighteen families will be involved in the yard sale, proceeds from which will go towards the 4-H exchange trip to Texas in late July.

The exchange group will also hold a car wash at Farmers National Bank in the Triangle Plaza on Saturday, June 30, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Funds raised from this event will also go towards this summer's 4-H Exchange trip.

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Young people still have time to sign up for camp. Applications will be accepted until June 29 for the week at Holiday Lake 4-H Camp, July 9-13. Application forms and details about camp are available from the Extension Office.

The top winning June is Dairy Month Posters are being judged on the state level this week. The overall winning posters (three in each age group 9-11, 12-14, 15 plus) will receive electric homemade ice cream makers. Posters from Appomattox in the state contest were prepared by: JoAnna Layne, Sterling Austin, Sharla Kvasnicka, Cheryl Johnson, Mary Helen McLaughlin, Mary Beth Hix and Latisha Wooten.

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It's certainly not too early to begin thinking about exhibits for the Five County Fair in September. We have several of last year's Fair Catalogs still available in the Extension Office. THese catalogs would give you ideas for exhibits in the 1984 Fair.

Rehearsals for 'Godspell'

Rehearsals have begun for the Depot Dramatics production of GODSPELL. The show will be presented July 26, 27, and 28 at Appomattox County High School. The community theatre group, which started in the Appomattox Depot (that explains the name), is in its fifth year.

Patrick Volturo is directing this year's show and the cast includes some Depot Dramatics regulars as well as quite a few newcomers. Although the show is still in the early rehearsal stage, it promises to be very good according to Volturo.

Volturo, when asked about the cast stated, "I'm very pleased with the [illegible] displayed at auditions."

There are still some openings in the orchestra. A bass and lead guitarist are especially needed.

Anyone interested in becoming involved in this way should call Patrick Volturo at 352-2408. There is also a need for backstage workers.

Joyce Sweet, who is helping with GODSPELL stated, "Depot Dramatics has been kept alive by community support." I've already contacted several businesses and they've all given donations of money or products. Mr. Walton, Mr. Armentrout, and Mr. McLean have been extremely co-operative in allowing us to use the high school facilities. We want the Appomattox people and businesses to know that we appreciate their continued [illegible]

We hope that everyone will plan to keep the last week-end in July open so that they may be a part of our GODSPELL audience.

Cadet Allen is cited

Cadet Herbert L. Allen, Jr., son of Herbert L. and Eva M. Allen of Apppomattox, has been awarded the AFROTC Leadership Ribbon, according to a letter from the Department of the Air Force.

Allen, who will be a senior at VPI this fall, was cited for demonstrating a "sustained desire to accept nothing less than outstanding results," and for demonstrating "aggressiveness, dedication to duty, and devotion to success" in a letter from Col. Joseph J. Blum, USAF.

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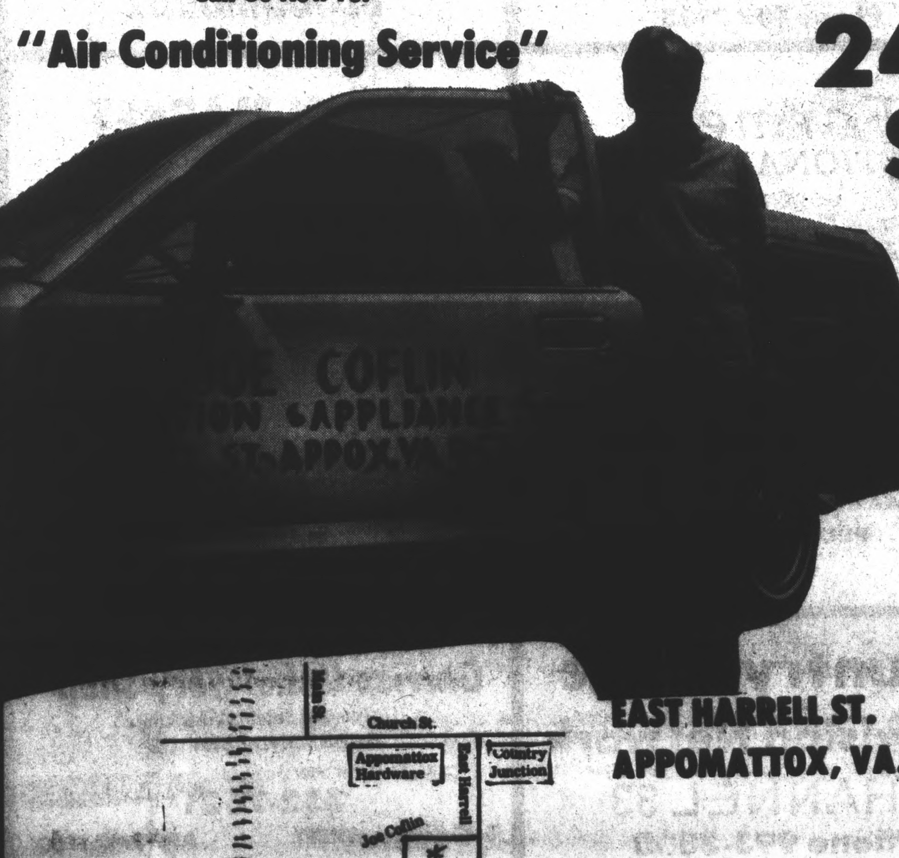

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